

The Groundplane

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SBARA Presidents Message January 2015

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were enjoyable and included quality time with family and friends.

It's that time of year when the New Year's resolutions are stirred up again and the transition period begins for saying and writing the new year...such as when writing checks. You still write a check now again, don't you? I'm hoping to see the inside of the gym, in the next few days, as well as get my butt back on the saddle of my bike. It also marks the end of the ARRL Centennial QSO party. I, for one, enjoyed chasing after the W1AW portables and making an effort to get WAS (Worked All States) exclusively with them. But Nevada proved elusive for me. But I still had fun! I still think ARRL should offer a WAS -1 certificate! ;-)) I really feel that the Centennial Celebrations and the QSO Party really helped kindle interest in the hobby for new comers and rekindle interest for others. I was truly amazed, though, that some HAM operators really took offence to the Centennial QSO Party (referring to it as a "contest") to the point of jamming the W1AW portable operators. It's a shame that jammers feel the need to spend their time affecting the hobby in a negative way. We're lucky they are in the minority. Well...I guess they are REALLY happy it's over. I did hear rumors of the portable operations or similar activities being extended. We shall see.

As I stated in the November Groundplane, the board is excited that, thanks to the efforts of our VP, Deborah Patten (AG6HJ), and others, to have quite a lineup of interesting speakers and subjects for 2015. As always, we are open to feedback and suggestions to help keep the club activities interesting and you engaged. Our emails are available on the sbara.org website.

I'm excited about the New Year and continuing to learn more about our great hobby as well as share it with others.

73!

Steve Wilson, President
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SBARA

The South Bay Amateur Radio Association, is a general interest amateur radio club serving the Fremont Tri-City area. Records indicate the club has been in existence since at least 1974, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, an California not-for-profit corporation, and a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes. We sponsor training classes for new hams, license examination sessions, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

The South Bay Amateur Radio Association meets on the 2nd Friday of every month at Hurricane Electric in Fremont. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes social time, a business portion and a program of interest.

All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome.

We hope to see you there!



Fremont Repeaters & Net Information

*Are you looking for your favorite Repeater?
Here is information you can use!*

WA6PWW— 147.015 + 600Khz, PL 103.5	600Khz, PL 123.0
WA6PWW—223.900— 500Khz, PL 107.2	K6AIR—441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0
WA6PWW—442.600 +5Mhz, PL107.2	ARES Net Meeting— Tuesday Evenings @ 7:30pm on 147.015+600Khz, PL 103.5
K6AIR—146.940—	

Time to dust off those Keys....

The Slow CW net is taking place
Every Thursday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm on 144.230MHz.

The net has now its own e-mail address. Please contact us here:
"SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

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Bernhard AE6YN

SBARA Meeting Location Second Friday of the Month

Our meeting location is at:
Hurricane Electric.
The address in Fremont is:
760 Mission Court — Come to the meeting.
Bring your HF transceiver, antenna or HT !
Talk-In 147.015Mhz. +600
Mingle with your fellow SBARA members!

SBARA - Groundplane

The Groundplane is published monthly by the South Bay Amateur Radio Association. Articles and letters are always welcome. The normal deadline for material is the 20th day of each month for the next month's news-letter. Articles can be sent by email to hamradio at Comcast dot net or via U.S. Mail. Contact the Editor for details and submission guidelines.



Upcoming SBARA Events

SBARA Kick Off 2015 Meeting is January 9th.! Fantastic Raffle Prizes—So Come to the Meeting for the Fellowship!

Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC— November 8th @ 9:30am at Hurricane Electric — 48233 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont. **Contact: Greg** at wy6pradio@gmail.com \$15 fee. Walk-ins allowed.

***Additional information is described at Website,
www.sbara.org
Select License Exams from the Navigation URL.***

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